THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The Government is aware that Pak ISI has been aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country including in U.P. and Gujarat.

(b) and (c) In order to deal with the situation, the Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups/anti-national elements/ ISI agents by well coordinated intelligence based operations. From time to time, the Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about threat perception and evolving strategies to counter the situation. As a result of the coordinated action by the Central and State agencies, a number of Pak backed terrorist/espionage modules have been detected/neutralized in various parts of the country. During 2000-2002, 16 espionage cases in U.P. and 2 cases in Gujarat were detected. During the same period, 13 Pak backed terrorist/subversion modules in U.P. and 5 in Gujarat were busted.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Lignite deposits found in Barmer, Rajasthan

1387. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) details of lignite deposits found in Barmer District of Rajasthan;

(b) at what depth those lignite deposits are situated;

(c) the details to proposals received for mining of those lignite deposits;

(d) whether the Government of Rajasthan have sent to the Central Government the proposals of three companies for setting up of thermal power plants for the extraction of lignite from those mines and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government are contemplating to clear those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) The details and depth of the lignite deposits in Barmer District of Rajasthan is as under:

Block	Geological Reserves In Million Tonnes	Depth Occurrence (in metres) Min.-Max.
Kapurdhi	150.40	39.2-132
Jalipa	316.28	41.2-159.8
Jalipa (North Extn.)	151.67	35.4-130.4
Sindhri	1200.00	173.4-374.0
Sonari	43.59	11.7-198.2
Kurla	68.67	52.6-321.0
Jogeshwartala	34.52	79-163
Bhadhka	9.45	60.2-187.4
Sachcha-Sauda	28.70	44.2-183.4
Gunga-Bothia	10.40	Not Available
South Barmer	29.26	181.00
Chokla North	90.22	60-255
Giral	101.90	14.00-145.90

(c) to (e) The details of proposals received for mining of lignite deposits in Barmer district of Rajasthan and the action taken/contemplated on the said proposals is as under:-

i) **Giral Block:** The Giral Mine is already operational and M/s. Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (RSMDC) is mining lignite at Giral. A proposal for expansion of the existing mine was received for setting up of Thermal Power Station. The project sponsor has been requested to obtain the clearance of Ministry of Power to their proposal.

ii) **Kapurdih & Jalipa:** Proposal for allotment of Kapurdih and Jalipa lignite blocks to M/s. West Power, Rajasthan, an Independent Power Producer (IPP) for power generation has been received. The proposal will

be processed after the IPP produces an in-principle clearance from the Ministry of Power and the company clears or agrees to clear the exploration charges to Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.

iii) **Koslu:** A proposal of M/s. R.K. Electropower, duly supported by the Government of Rajasthan has been received for allotment of Koslu lignite block for seeking prospecting licence over an area of 25 Sq. Kms. in Koslu village, Barmer district of Rajasthan. The projects sponsor proposes to undertake a pilot operation for underground gasification of lignite for setting up of a power station. The proposal will be decided on the merits of the case.

iv) **Sonari:** M/s. RSMDC proposes to mine Sonari lignite block in Tehsil-Shiv, District-Barmer, Rajasthan for a proposed thermal power station. The project sponsor has been requested to obtain the clearance of Ministry of Power to their proposal.

Irregularities in coal linkage

†1388. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases regarding irregularities in coal linkage have come to light;

(b) if so, the total number of such companies whose permission has been cancelled; and

(c) whether any case has also been registered against any of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) It has been reported by Coal India Limited that in some instances it has been observe that terms and conditions under which linkage was granted to non-core sector linked consumers were not fully observed by such linked consumers.

SCCL has reported that there have been no cases of irregularities in coal linkages.

(b) After investigation done by different investigating agencies, 1042 units have been identified having adverse report against them and, therefore, coal supply has been stopped to these units.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.